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The Thirty-Eighth

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

School Medical Officer

of the

Education Committee

of the

Merioneth County Council. 1947

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TO THE MERIONETH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—

This—the annual report on the School Medical Service for 1947—is the thirty eighth Annual Report.

I desire to draw attention to matters which might be considered for improving the Service.

No minor ailments clinics have been established and treatment of school children has been carried out through the services of the District Nurses. No buildings, belonging to the Authority, are available for any clinics. It is proposed to arrange for minor ailments clinics to be held at the schools, but it will be difficult to obtain the necessary room for such purpose in several schools. Clinics in suitable buildings should be established in some of the larger centres in the County.

It is proposed to arrange for certain special clinics to be held in hospitals, if possible, such as removal of tonsils and adenoids. Other special clinics could be held in suitably built centres.

No orthoptic treatment for squint is available in any centre within the County. There are no arrangements for treating defective speech.

The Child Guidance Clinic should be extended, when suitable buildings are available, so that children requiring treatment can receive it at centres within the County.

No organiser of physical training has been appointed to provide facilities for physical education. Such education could assist in improving posture and incipient deformities of school children.

No nursery schools have been established.

Special Clinics for removal of tonsils and adenoids, eye clinics, ear, nose and throat clinics, orthopaedic clinics and Child Guidance Clinics have been held at various centres in the County, the centres being at hospitals, schools and other buildings, most of which, apart from the hospitals, were not ideal for the purpose.

Dental Clinics have been held at the schools. With the establishment of adequate buildings at main centres within the County, where most of the Secondary schools are situated, suitable dental clinics could be established.

Details of the medical and dental services will be found in the body of the Report.

My sincere thanks are due to the members of the Education Committee for their ready co-operation, and to the Director of Education and his staff and to Heads of the other departments and their staff.

I wish to express my thanks to the Head Teachers and assistant teachers for their help and interest.

The School Medical and Clerical Staff have carried out their duties loyally throughout the whole year.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

W. F. GAPPER,
School Medical Officer and
Medical Officer of Health.

MERIONETH EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Chairman : John Lloyd, M.A.

Vice-Chairman : Councillor Robert Griffith.

School Health and Welfare Committee :

Chairman : Mrs. K. W. Jones Roberts.

Ald. Alfred E. Hughes.
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,, Lewis Williams.

Co-opted Members :

Miss C. J. Hughes.
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John Lloyd, M.A.
E. Pugh Parry, B.A.
W. Gordon Price.

2 *Reps. of Primary Schools :*

J. Ll. Davies, Corwen.
John Evans, Llanegryn.

1 *Rep. of Secondary Schools :* D. Eurog Davies, Bala Boys.

School Medical Staff :

School Medical Officer and Medical Officer of Health :
W. F. Gapper, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Assistant School Medical Officer :
D. A. B. Monks, B.A., M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Dental Surgeon : Mr. E. C. Jones, L.D.S.

School Nurse : Miss Gwen Humphries, S.R.N.

Dental Attendant : Miss Megan Edwards.

Clerks (joint appointments with Health Committee)—
Miss M. J. Jones.
Miss A. Griffith.
Miss G. Jones.

Specialist Medical Officers (Part time)—

Ear, Nose and Throat and Ophthalmic Services :
Mr. Horace Mather, 50 Rodney Street, Liverpool.

Orthopaedic Section :
Mr. Griffith, The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen.

Child Guidance Clinic :
Dr. J. H. O. Roberts, Mental Hospital, Denbigh.
Dr. Wilson, Mental Hospital, Denbigh.
Dr. Martha Vidor, Mental Hospital, Denbigh.

Psychiatric Social Worker :
Miss D. Thomas, Mental Hospital, Denbigh.

Remedial Gymnasts & Orthopaedic :
Miss M. Williams, The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Gobowen.

Director of Education : Mr. B. Maelor Jones, M.A., Ll.B.

I.—STAFF

Dr. E. Lewys-Lloyd retired on 31/3/47.

Dr. W. F. Gapper was appointed as School Medical Officer and Medical Officer of Health and took up his duties on April 1st, 1947.

II.—CO-ORDINATION OF HEALTH SERVICES

Useful assistance has been rendered by Sanitary Authorities with disposal of refuse from certain schools, and in investigating home conditions where re-housing of families brought to our notice through the School Health Service required consideration by housing authorities.

The N.S.P.C.C. Inspector has assisted in investigating cases of apparent neglect.

Pre-school children have been referred to special and dental clinics by co-operation with the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee.

District Nurses have rendered invaluable service in the treatment of school children suffering from ailments found at inspections. Such treatment was carried out at the children's homes or at the nurses' surgeries.

III.—SCHOOL HYGIENE

Plans have been made for developing the School Services throughout the County, and as soon as building can proceed, new schools will be built to replace those considered unsuitable. During the year two new canteens were opened, one at Bala Girls' Secondary School and one at Celyn Primary School. Facilities had been made available for providing meals at all schools except Minffordd, Cwmnantcol, Llangower and Bryncoedifor Primary Schools, by the end of the year.

External painting was carried out at Llanuwchllyn, Llanfair, Llanbedr and Cwmnantcol Primary Schools.

Other improvements were on hand, but not completed, at various schools throughout the County.

IV.—MEDICAL INSPECTION

Routine medical inspection of children was held at the schools, and the willing co-operation of the Head Teachers was much appreciated.

The schedule of medical inspection approved by the Board was followed.

Any cases considered by the Head Teachers to require special medical attention were brought to the notice of the doctor during his visits to the schools.

Statistics will be found in Table I at the end of the Report.

V.—FINDINGS OF MEDICAL INSPECTION

(*a*) *Malnutrition :* Of the 1,334 pupils inspected, 2.62% were placed in group C. (poor). Cod liver oil capsules were provided to those of poor nutrition. On investigating some of these cases the housing conditions were far from being satisfactory, some being overcrowded, while others lived in poor dilapidated houses.

(*b*) *Uncleanliness :* Few cases with dirty heads were found. In cases of bad verminous heads, district nurses were supplied with special lotion to cleanse them.

(*c*) *Minor Ailments :* 108 cases were discovered during medical inspection and these were referred to the District Nurses for treatment.

(*d*) *Visual defects and external eye disease :* The following cases were found during the course of Medical Inspections :—

Apparent defective vision	146
Squint	22
Blepharitis	5

277 cases of defective vision and squint were sent to the clinics during the year for examination.

Glasses were prescribed for 180 and 171 were supplied by the end of the year.

(*e*) *Nose and Throat defects :*

	recommended for:- treatment	*observation*
Chronic Tonsils & Adenoids	237 ..	378

163 cases received operative treatment at clinics.

(*f*) *Ear disease and defective hearing :* 47 cases were seen in consultation at clinics.

(*g*) *Dental defects :* No dental defects needing urgent treatment were reported to the School Dental Officer.

(*h*) *Orthopaedic and Postural defects :* The returns showing the number of children treated at orthopaedic clinics during the year were as follows :—

On books January 1st, 1947	143
Admitted during the year	103
Total treated	246
Discharged during the year	84

On books 31st December, 1947 :—

On active treatment	162
On appliance supervision	—
Attendances at clinics	590

(*i*) *Tuberculosis :* All suspicious cases were referred to the Tuberculosis Officer, who has always willingly co-operated by submitting a report on each case examined.

VI. & VII.—FOLLOWING UP AND TREATMENT

Only one nurse is fully employed on the School Health Service. Cases requiring treatment for minor ailments were referred to the District Nurses who visited the homes and carried out the necessary treatment where necessary. The School Nurse and the District Nurses investigated home conditions in certain cases and advised mothers on various matters. No school clinics were held where children could be treated for minor ailments. Grossly infested children were cleansed by the District Nurses. Cases of malnutrition were provided through the schools with cod liver oil capsules. A few delicate girls were admitted to the Ty Gwyn Residential School for varying periods with beneficial results.

Eye Clinics were held periodically at centres in the following districts within the County, *viz.*, Blaenau Ffestiniog, Corwen, Bala, Dolgelley, Towyn and Harlech. Glasses prescribed were obtained from local opticians, as well as occluders. No orthoptic treatment was given through the Council's services, and if such treatment should be necessary, arrangements will have to be made with other Local Education Authorities for the services of an orthoptist.

Defects of Nose and Throat.—Examination of children referred to special clinics was carried out by the Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist at the clinics held in various centres throughout the County. Operative treatment for removal of tonsils and adenoids was carried out at some centres in schools, where it has been found difficult to obtain suitable rooms. Such conditions for operative treatment were far from satisfactory, especially when three suitably situated hospitals were available. The only hospital within the County which provided suitable accommodation for operations was at Towyn. It is to be hoped that arrangements will be made for the Ffestiniog and Dolgelley hospitals to provide the necessary arrangements for this work.

Ear Disease, and Defective Hearing : Children with these defects were seen by the Specialist at the special clinics held by the Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist. 47 cases were examined and in most cases the necessary treatment was carried out by the District Nurses. Few cases needing special hospital treatment were admitted to Liverpool hospitals.

Dental Clinics : Mr. E. C. Jones, the School Dental Surgeon reports as follows :—

Dear Sir,—

I beg to submit a brief report on the work of the School Dental Service for the year 1947. This is my fourteenth report and the twenty third of the series.

This year all the clinics were held on school premises. It was unnecessary to hire a room in Abergynolwyn this year as the number of children attending the school had dwindled, and a suitable classroom was available for the purpose.

A new age group came into the scheme this year, due to the raising of the school age to fifteen. All the pupils attending the Primary Schools and all the pupils up to fifteen years attending the Grammar Schools, present in the schools on the day of ins-

pection, were inspected and where necessary, received the offer of dental treatment. The raising of the school age to fifteen has aggravated one problem with regard to dental treatment—the portable wooden dental chair in use (the only one available) is quite adequate for the younger patients but it is definitely too small for the average young adolescent. This, together with the inadequate accommodation available at many of the schools (especially the Grammar Schools), makes me look forward to the completion of the authority's "New Clinic Scheme" or the acquisition of a mobile dental clinic.

The new "National" dental cards became available towards the end of the year. The transfer of the cards when children move to another authority is certainly an advantage, as a complete dental record is then available throughout school life.

The New Education Act calls for the notification of parents at the school entrants' first Dental inspection, and new forms have been printed and will be used in the coming year.

The severe weather experienced for weeks at the beginning of the year, hindered greatly the School Dental Service. When not snowbound at Dolgelley, the only part of the County approachable was the coast area and even there the attendance was so poor that the Schools had to be revisited. The good weather and freedom from epidemics experienced during the rest of the year allowed some leeway to be made up. During the year in both Primary and Grammar School, 4,346 children were inspected, of whom 2,910 children required treatment. 1,576 children received treatment during the year. 6 Schools inspected during the year await clinic sessions, "consent forms" for 145 children having been received. There is evidence that a small number of children in Primary Schools receive occasional dental treatment privately. A large number of children attending the Grammar Schools (especially the Schools with boarding establishments) receive periodical dental treatment privately. Several cases of children with irregular teeth were seen during the year. Consideration of time and opportunity so far precludes the construction and application of orthodontic appliances, but often much can be done by judicious extraction of the teeth at the right time. Two complicated orthodontic cases were referred during the year for specialists' advice.

I noticed several cases of Hypoplasia (defective formation of the enamel) during the year. I have no explanation to offer for this condition.

Little propaganda has been done in the county since before the war, but very fine commercial posters became available during the year and were distributed amongst the Schools.

Again this year it is a pleasure to report that I have received every help from the teachers and the staff of the Medical Department.

Yours faithfully,

E. C. JONES,

School Dental Surgeon.

Child Guidance Clinic : A team consisting of a Psychiatrist, a Psychologist and a Psychiatric Social Worker is available by co-operation with the Denbigh Mental Hosptial. They visit the centre at Dolgelley once a month. Twenty-one school children were referred. Reports on certain cases are forwarded to the Head Teachers. Only examination and testing of the school children and advising parents is carried out at these centres. Any treatment recommended has to be carried out with the co-operation of the Head Teacher and the parents.

Medical Treatment of the Pre-School Child : Any child under five can be referred to the special clinics for examination, and any treatment recommended is arranged through the Maternity and Child Welfare Department.

Infectious Disease : The number of cases of diphtheria occurring in school children during the year was two. During the year immunisation was carried out by the School Medical Officers at the schools, where pre-school children were also immunised. The following table shows the number immunised :—

Children under 5—New Cases—Total	.. ..	434
Re-inforcement—Total	..	193
Children 5 & over—New Cases—Total	.. ..	59
Re-inforcement—Total	..	115
Totals of New Cases	.. ..	493
Totals Re-inforcement	..	308

There were thirteen cases of scarlet fever amongst school children.

There were three school children notified as suffering from whooping cough and forty-seven from measles.

No schools were closed through the direction of the School Medical Officer.

Provision of Meals :

The following is the report of Miss Roberts, the School Meal Organiser :

I have pleasure in submitting a report on the progress of the Mid-day Meals Scheme for the year 1947.

Two further canteens were opened during the year, bringing the total number of Canteens in the County to 66. Approximately 2,768 Primary School children were taking meals in school at the end of the year, a percentage of 84.

In the Secondary Schools 1,267 pupils partake of meals, an average of 80%.

School dinners are by now a recognised and valuable part of the school day and make a notable contribution to the health and corporate spirit of the school. It is, however, evident that satisfactory and well equipped kitchens and dining rooms will be necessary before the full social advantages are to be realised.

Although supplies are difficult at times, every attempt is being made to secure a variation in the type of dinner served each day. The majority of the children continue to look forward to the meals and there are not many foods that they do not like. Tastes vary, of course, and the ginger pudding one child dislikes is the favourite of the other. There are occasional tears when the children do not want to take the food they dislike, but they can usually be persuaded to eat it if tactfully approached. It is pleasing to note that green and raw vegetable salads are becoming increasingly popular.

Table manners appear to be improving and the atmosphere in the Dining Room is usually a most happy one.

It is encouraging to note the effort made at some schools to bring the canteen into closer relation with other branches of the Schools' activities. Some schools in addition to providing vegetables from the school garden, also have flower gardens which provide table decorations almost throughout the year. In other schools needlework classes provide gaily coloured aprons for waiting at tables, and handicraft classes carry out minor repairs to trolleys and tables.

I again wish to pay tribute to the Chairman and the Committee, to the Schools and Office Staff and to all whose untiring efforts have helped to make the mid-day meals scheme a success.

LIST OF SCHOOLS WHERE A MID-DAY MEALS SCHEME IS IN OPERATION

Name of School :	*Average no. of children taking meals at the end of Dec.* 1947	*Name of School*	*Average no. of children taking meals at the end of Dec.* 1947
Secondary Schools		*Secondary Schools*	
Towyn	304	Barmouth Grammar	220
Dolgelley Boys'	119	Bl. Ffestiniog Grammar	208
Bala Girls'	131	Bl. Ffestiniog Sec. Mod.	183
Bala Boys'	102		
Primary Schools : Festiniog School District:		*Primary Schools : Barmouth School District:*	
Ffestiniog	95	Barmouth	136
Maenofferen Girls	67	Llanfair	31
,, Boys	70	Llanbedr	46
,, Infants	35	Dyffryn	112
Manod	65	Harlech	89
Glanypwll	107	Bontddu	19
Tanygrisiau	73	Arthog	15
Trawsfynydd	101	Llwyngwril	36
Bronaber	25	Fairbourne	20
Gellilydan	37		

LIST OF SCHOOLS WHERE A MID-DAY MEALS SCHEME IS IN OPERATION—(Continued)

Name of School :	*Average no. of children taking meals at the end of Dec. 1947*
Secondary Schools	
Deudraeth School District:	
Penrhyn Mixed	83
,, Infants	38
Talsarnau	50
Maentwrog	11
Brontecwyn	15
Llanfrothen	30
Croesor	13
Towyn School District:	
Towyn	116
Pennal	19
Bryncrug	47
Llanegryn	48
Abergynolwyn	33
Tynyberth	17
Corris	56
Aberllefenni	15
Pantperthog	10
Aberdovey	60
Corwen School District :	
Corwen	90
,, N.P.	36
Carrog	36
Glyndyfrdwy	39
Gwyddelwern	31
Melinywig	10
Bettws G.G.	24
Cynwyd	45
Llandrillo	47

Name of School :	*Average no. of children taking meals at the end of Dec. 1947*
Secondary Schools	
Dolgelley School District :	
Dolgelley Mixed	142
,, N.P.	41
,, Infants	33
Ganllwyd	24
Llanelltyd	28
Brithdir	20
Llanfachreth	18
Dinas Mawddwy	39
Rhydygorlan	5
Aberangell	25
Islawrdref	13
Llanymawddwy..	7
Bala School District :	
Bala Central	104
,, N.P.	35
Llanuwchllyn	55
Parc	21
Maesywaen	17
Cwmtirmynach	13
Sarnau	22
Llawrybettws	16
Llandderfel..	29
Rhosygwalia	13
Celyn	9

M. C. ROBERTS.

Milk is supplied to all schools except Croesor and Bronteewyn, where it has been found difficult to obtain a supplier due to the distance of the school from a suitable supplier and where the homes of most of the children are farms.

Only T.T. milk, milk from attested herds or pasteurised milk is supplied to the schools.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Blind, Deaf, Defective and Epileptic Children :

Five children were in the School for the Deaf, Liverpool, during the year, and one partially blind child in the Bridgend Institution for the Blind.

Ty Gwyn Residential School, Llwyngwril :

24 delicate girls were admitted for varying periods to this school. Each case showed marked improvement in health on discharge.

STATISTICAL TABLES

The following tables show a summary of the work done at Primary and Secondary Schools :—

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MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS

Year Ended 31st December, 1947

Local Education Authority Merioneth

TABLE I.

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF PUPILS ATTENDING MAINTAINED PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

A.—PERIODIC MEDICAL INSPECTIONS

Number of Inspections in the prescribed Groups :	
Entrants	643
Second Age Group	418
Third Age Group	646
Total	1707
Number of other Periodic Inspections	403
Grand Total	2110

B.—OTHER INSPECTIONS

Number of Special Inspections	
Number of Re-Inspections	2490
Total	2490

C.—PUPILS FOUND TO REQUIRE TREATMENT

Number of Indidividual Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to require Treatment (excluding Dental Diseases and Infestation with Vermin).

NOTES—(1) Pupils found at Periodic Medical Inspection to require treatment for a defect should not be excluded from this return by reason of the fact that they are already under treatment for that defect.

(2) No individual pupil should be recorded more than once in any column of this Table, and therefore the total in column (4) will not necessarily be the same as the sum of columns (2) and (3).

Group : (1)	*For defective vision (excluding squint)* (2)	*For any of the other conditions recorded in Table IIA* (3)	*Total individual pupils* (4)
Entrants	45	85	95
Second Age Group ..	24	62	75
Third Age Group ..	57	67	88
Total (prescribed groups)	126	214	258
Other Periodic Inspections	72	77	80
Grand Total ..	198	291	338

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MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS

Local Education Authority Merioneth

TABLE II.

A.—RETURN OF DEFECTS FOUND BY MEDICAL INSPECTION IN THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947

NOTE—All defects noted at medical inspection as requiring treatments should be included in this return, *whether or not this treatment was begun before the date of the inspection.*

Defect Code No.	Defect or Disease (1)	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS — No. of defects: Requiring treatment (2)	PERIODIC INSPECTIONS — No. of defects: Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment (3)	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS — No. of defects: Requiring treatment (4)	SPECIAL INSPECTIONS — No. of defects: Requiring to be kept under observation but not requiring treatment (5)
4.	Skin	129			
5.	Eyes—a. Vision	204	12		
	b. Squint	23	3		
	c. Other	6	5		
6.	Ears—a. Hearing	8	3		
	b. Otitis Media	6			
	c. Other	3	4		
7.	Nose or Throat	256	534		
8.	Speech		3		
9.	Cervical Glands		473		
10.	Heart and Circulation		25		
11.	Lungs	27	15		
12.	Developmental—				
	a. Hernia				
	b. Other		4		
13.	Orthopaedic—				
	a. Posture	29	8		
	b. Flat foot	19	13		
	c. Other	21	30		
14.	Nervous System—				
	a. Epilepsy		3		
	b. Other				
15.	Psychological—				
	a. Development	12			
	b. Stability	11			
16.	Other				

B.—CLASSIFICATION OF THE GENERAL CONDITION OF PUPILS INSPECTED DURING THE YEAR IN THE AGE GROUPS

Age Groups:	*No, of Pupils Insp.*	A (*Good*)		B (*Fair*)		C (*Poor*)	
		No.	% *of col* 2	*No.*	% *of col.* 2	*No.*	% *of col* 2
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Entrants	643	482	74.96	151	23.48	10	1.55
Second Age Group ..	418	388	92.82	28	6.69	2	0.47
Third Age Group ..	646	534	82.66	97	15.01	15	2.33
Other Periodic Inspections	403	277	68.73	114	28.28	12	2.97
Total	2110	1681	79.66	390	18.48	39	1.84

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MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS

Local Education Authority Merioneth

Year Ended 31st December, 1947

TABLE III.

TREATMENT TABLES

NOTES

(*a*) The Tables should deal with all defects during the year, however they were brought to the Authority's notice, *i.e.*, whether by periodic inspection, special inspection, or otherwise, during the year in question or previously.

(*b*) Owing to the difficulty of distinguishing between cases treated under the Authority's schemes and those treated otherwise, the treatment tables (excluding dental) should include all cases known to the Authority to have received treatment, whether at their own clinics or elsewhere.

GROUP I.—MINOR AILMENTS (excluding Uncleanliness, for which see Table V)

(*a*)	*No. of Defects treated, or under treatment during the year*
Skin—	
Ringworm—Scalp—	
(i) X-Ray treatment. If none, indicate by dash	—
(ii) Other treatment	—
Ringworm—Body	2
Scabies	88
Impetigo	18
Other skin diseases	10
Eye Disease	24
(External and other, but excluding errors of refraction, squint and cases admitted to hospital)	—
Ear Defects	12
(Treatment for serious diseases of the ear (*e.g.* operative treatment in hospital) should not be recorded here but in the body of the School Medical Officer's Annual Report).	
Miscellaneous	
(*e.g.* minor injuries, bruises, sores, chilblains etc)	—
	154
Total	154

(*b*) Total number of attendances at Authority's minor ailments clinics .. .. No minor ailment Clinics Established

GROUP II.—DEFECTIVE VISION AND SQUINT (excluding Eye Disease treated as Minor Ailments—Group I)

	No. of defects dealt with :
ERRORS OF REFRACTION (including squint). Operations for squint should be recorded separately in the body of the School Medical Officer's Report)	474
Other defect or disease of the eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I)	—
Total — — — — — — — — — —	474

No. of Pupils for whom spectacles were	(*a*) Prescribed— —	282
	(*b*) Obtained ———	272

GROUP III.—TREATMENT OF DEFECTS OF NOSE AND THROAT

	Total No. treated
Received operative treatment—	
(*a*) for adenoids and chronic tonsillitis — — —	163
(*b*) for other nose and throat conditions — — —	
Received other forms of treatment — — — — —	—
Total — — — — — — — — — —	163

GROUP IV.—ORTHOPAEDIC AND POSTURAL DEFECTS

(*a*) No. treated as in-patients in hospitals or hospital schools	22
(*b*) No. treated otherwise *e.g.* in clinics or out-patient departments — — — — — — — — — —	161

GROUP V.—CHILD GUIDANCE TREATMENT AND SPEECH THERAPY

No. of pupils treated—	
(*a*) under Child Guidance arrangements	23
(*b*) under Speech Therapy arrangement	—

TABLE IV.—DENTAL INSPECTION AND TREATMENT*

(1)	Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers—	
	(*a*) Periodic age groups	4346
	(*b*) Specials	6
	(*c*) TOTAL (Periodic and Specials)	4352
(2)	Number found to require treatment	2890
(3)	Number actually treated	1576
(4)	Attendances made by pupils for treatment	1613
(5)	Half-days devoted to : (*a*) Inspection	86
	(*b*) Treatment	250
	Total (*a*) *and* (*b*)	336
(6)	Fillings : Permanent Teeth	787
	Temporary Teeth	252
	Total	1039
(7)	Extractions : Permanent Teeth	256
	Temporary Teeth	2465
	Total	2721
(8)	Administration of general anaesthetics for extraction—	—
(9)	Other Operations : (*a*) Permanent Teeth	208
	(*b*) Temporary Teeth	—
	Total (*a*) *and* (*b*)	208

* For the present the Ministry are not asking for information regarding treatment carried out apart from the Authority's Scheme.

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MEDICAL INSPECTION RETURNS

Local Education Authority Merioneth

Year ended 31st December, 1947

TABLE V.

INFESTATION WITH VERMIN

NOTES—A statement as to the arrangements made by the Local Education Authority for the examination and cleansing of infested pupils should appear in the body of the School Medical Officer's Report.

All cases of infestation, however slight, should be recorded. The return should relate to individual pupils and not to instances of infestation.

(*i*) Total number of examinations in the schools by the school nurses or other authorized persons — — — 5208

(*ii*) Total number of *individual* pupils found to be infested 105

(*iii*) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Secion 54(2), Education Act, 1944) — — — — — — — — — — —

(*iv*) Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing orders were issued (Section 54 (3), Education Act, 1944) —

TABLE VI.

SCHOOL MEDICAL AND DENTAL STAFF

Names of Medical Officers :	*Proportion of whole time (expressed as a percentage) devoted to*	
	School Health Service	*Public Health*
S.M.O., William Frederick Gapper—	$\frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{3}{8}$
A.S.M.O., Anthony Benedict Monks	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$
Name of Dental Officers :		
S.D.O., Edward Clwydyn Jones——	*Whole-time*	—

Nurses	*No. of Officers*	*Aggregate of time given to School Health Service work in terms of whole time Officers*
School Nurses	1	Whole-time
District Nurses	22	Cannot be ascertained in the above terms.
Nursing Assistants	—	
Dental Attendants	1	Whole-time